

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. **Project title:** Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail

2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds): The National Park Service, Terry Darby, Interim Trail Superintendent, c/o Whitman Mission National Historical Site, 328 Whitman Mission Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362

3. **Contact information**
 - a. **Project's primary contact:** Mark Buser
 - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 503-313-4442
 - c. **Email Address:** markbuser@comcast.net
 - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Across parts of four Northwest states.

4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities:** Our mission is to be the recognized advocate, educator and marketer of the Ice Age Floods experience as a significant international natural and cultural heritage phenomenon. Our activities include lectures, field trips, scientific investigation, membership meetings, distribution of educational materials and development of interpretive kiosks on public lands.

5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?** Educational non-profit.

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?
Operation of National Park System (ONPS)

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.) Before the Ice Age Floods National geologic Trail becomes a reality, the National Park Service must produce a management and interpretive plan in collaboration with other agencies and organizations. The requested funds will allow the National Park Service management team to be fully engaged in the planning process. Floods features must be inventoried and evaluated as to significance and interpretation needs, then coordinated into an integrated trail system.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The purpose of this project is for the National Park Service to put a trail management team in place and to produce a management and interpretation plan. When the plan is implemented, it will result in an integrated trail linking the outstanding features left behind by the cataclysmic Glacial Lake Missoula Floods. Numerous tourism and hospitality industry jobs will be created due to increased tourism in the region. The Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail is a collaborative effort that has already attracted investments of hundreds of thousands of state and local government and private sector dollars. Planning and implementation of the Trail will attract more attention to the floods phenomenon and attract greater investment by both private and public sectors.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No.

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$250,000

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): Salary \$200,000; Lease (office and vehicle) \$50,000

12. What is the total cost of the project? The total estimated cost of this project will be an annual sustained \$500,000 to support trail management and operations.

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)? Yes, the project is scalable and the the National Park Service will be able to use the funds in FY 2011.

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts): There are no other sources of funding for this specific request (trail staffing and related expenses). However, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail is a collaborative effort that has already attracted investments of hundreds of thousands of state and local government and private sector dollars for interpretation.

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, National Park Conservation Assoc., Aramark Coporation, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Legislature (by Joint Memorial), Museum of Natural and Cultural History (UofO), Clackamas County, City of West Linn, City of Oregon City,

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